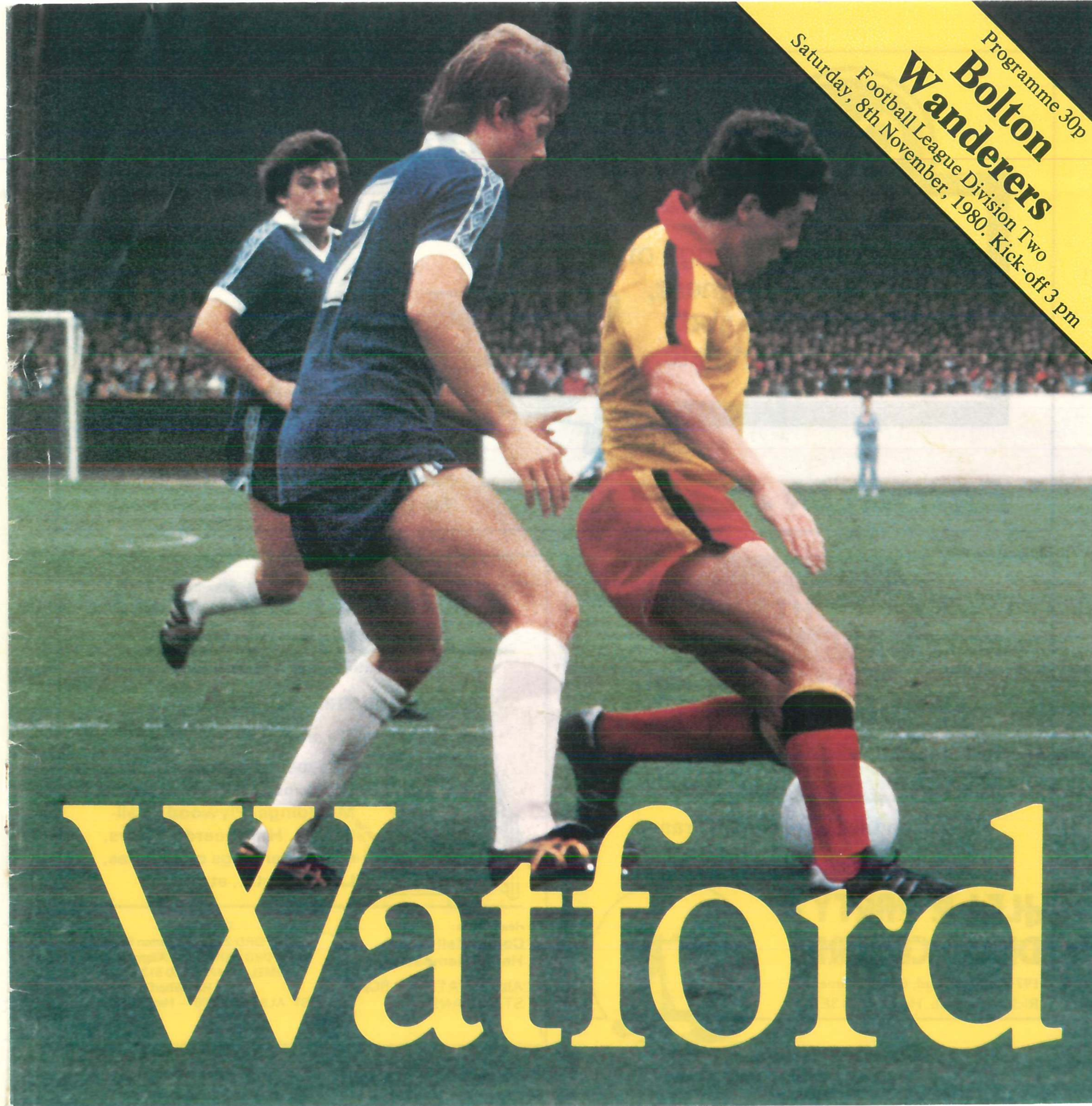




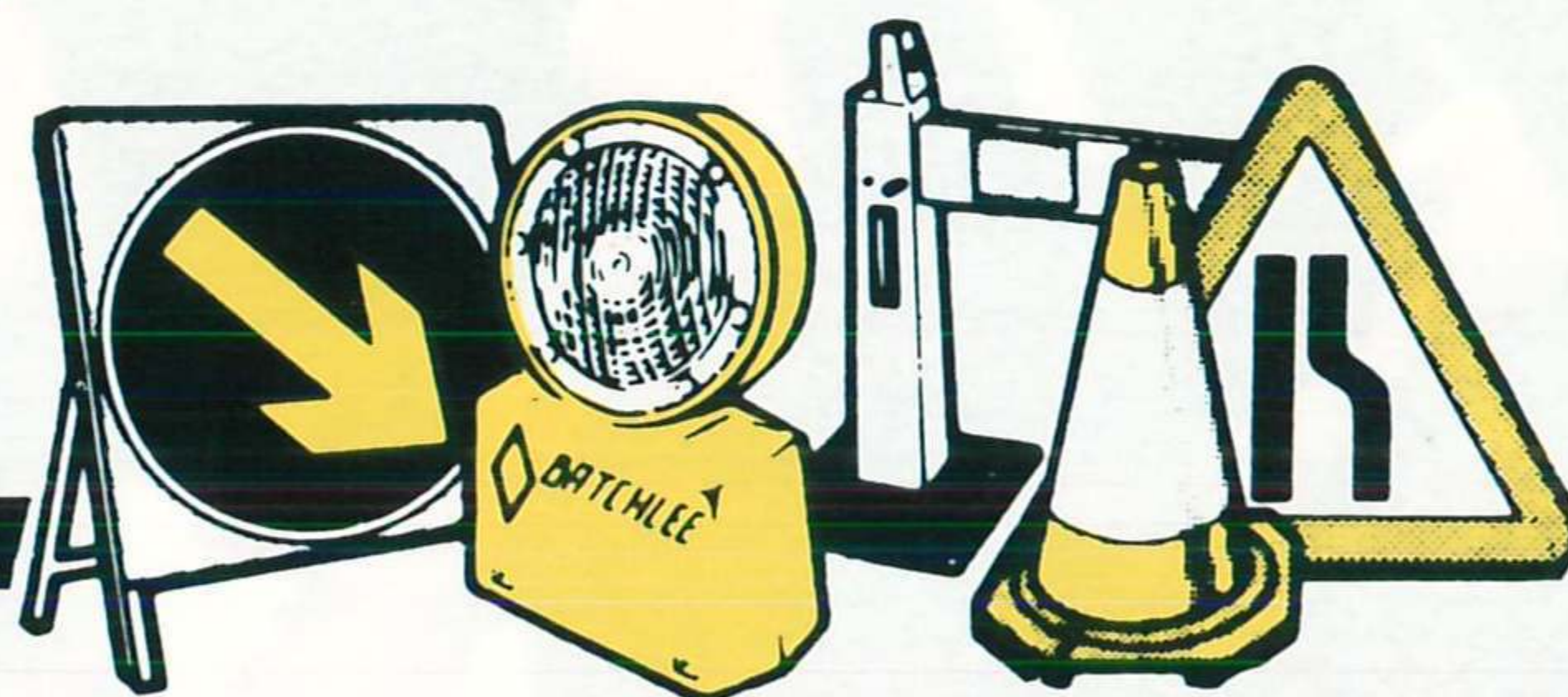
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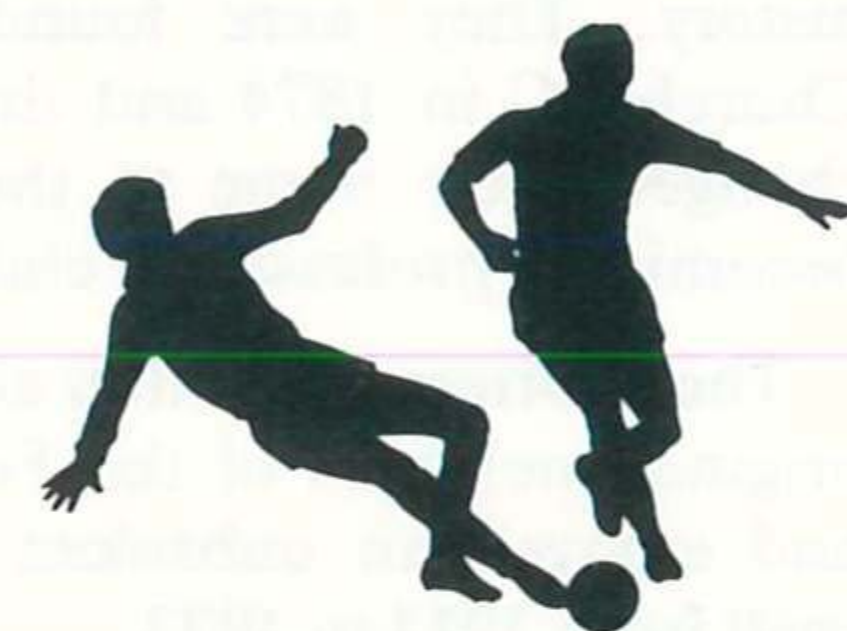
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Back row: Mike Graham, Dave Hoggan, Terry Poole, Chris Thompson, Mike Bennett, Peter Reid. Middle row: Tadeusz Nowak, Dave Clement, Mike Walsh, Dennis Peacock, Len Cantello, Peter Nicholson, Brian Kidd. Front row: Alan Gowling, Phil Wilson, Dave Burke, Neil Whatmore, Mike Carter, Paul Jones.

THE shock of relegation after only two seasons back in the First Division certainly left its mark on Bolton Wanderers at the end of last season.

They propped up the table for most of the season and the deadly drop hardly came as a surprise. But the club had

fought so hard to earn their place in the top division and it was a wrench to leave it again.

So it's hardly surprising that Bolton have not set the Second Division on fire after their disappointment last season. It's taken them time to settle down and they've

had to be content with a middle table position so far.

Manager Stan Anderson, who took over in January after being the assistant to Ian Greaves, has many talented players on his books, however, it should not be too long before Bolton start to climb up the League.

Bolton have a long and distinguished history. They were founded as Christ Church FC in 1874 and three years later changed their name to the present one, becoming a professional club in 1880.

The Trotters, as Bolton are known, were original members of the Football League and enjoyed an unbroken First Division spell from 1911 to 1933.

They won the FA Cup in 1923, 1926, 1929 and 1958 but have still to win the First Division championship. In 1971 they dropped into Division Three for the first time but won promotion two years later.

Hundred per cent

It looked as though they would never fight their way out of the Second Division after just missing promotion in two consecutive seasons but they finally managed it in 1978 as champions.

Traditionally, Bolton can be relied upon to field a rock-like defence, and in goal they can call on the talents of Terry Poole or Dennis Peacock.

Poole was signed from Huddersfield Town in 1977 for £25,000 while Peacock, one of the tallest goalkeepers in the League, had spells at Nottingham Forest and Doncaster before arriving at Burnden Park.

David Clement, the former Queens Park Rangers and England full-back, joined Bolton last year for a fee of £150,000 and he's added stability to the defence.

Exciting prospect David Burke is equally comfortable at either full-back or in midfield while the tall and quick-tackling Paul Jones, who's been a member of the under-23 and full England squads, is a commanding player in the air as well as on the ground.

Bolton picked up a real bargain when they signed Peter Nicholson from Blackpool for a small fee prior to the 1971-72 season and he's always given a hundred per cent in either defence or midfield.

Manchester-born Mike Walsh joined Wanderers from school and has given tremendous service to the club who also expect great things from youth products Mike Graham and Mick Bennett.

A cloud has hung over the future of talented midfield player Peter Reid this season after his abortive transfer to Wolves. The clubs could not agree terms and the affair is bound to have had its effects on the player but he has recently fought his way back into the side.

Bolton paid a club record fee of £350,000 to secure the services of Len Cantello from West Bromwich Albion in June 1979. He's the sort of player who delights in stamping his authority on the game and is always looking for a chance to attack.

Phil Wilson, who made his debut at Arsenal in February this year, and David Hoggan, from Edinburgh, are youngsters who'll be looking to grab one of the midfield positions this season.

Wealth of talent

Up front, Bolton have a wealth of talent to call upon. There's Neil Whatmore, who was the club's top scorer with 18 goals last season, and Alan Gowling, a £120,000 signing from Newcastle United three seasons ago. Gowling had four years at St. James' Park after spells with Manchester United and Huddersfield.

The name Brian Kidd always conjures up the picture of a young lad helping Manchester United to the European Cup in 1968. He moved to Arsenal for £110,000 six years later but then returned to Manchester to join City. Kidd also had a spell at Everton before moving to Bolton for £150,000 last May.

Polish international Tadeusz Nowak signed at the end of last season for £50,000 from Warsaw club Legia while Mike Carter and Chris Thompson are two home grown forwards eager to make their mark.

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FOLLOWING the Nottingham Forest game, I would like to put the record straight concerning my so-called "defiance" of a police request for the players not to run a lap of honour at the end of the match.

The liaison between Watford and the police has certainly been first-class for many years and I am sure that neither party would wish it any other way.

The police have a difficult task on occasions, in keeping crowd control. Quite understandably, they felt that following the invasion of the pitch after the Southampton game it would perhaps be better if the players left the field as soon as possible when the Forest match ended.

It must be remembered that most First and Second Division clubs have quite ugly looking six-foot fences surrounding their grounds to prevent crowd invasion.

So far the necessity of erecting such a fence at Watford has not been called for. I am sure that all of our supporters would want this situation to remain. Certainly the club do—for not only would the erection of such a fence be extremely expensive but in our opinion would spoil the "look" of the ground, on which so much hard work has been done.

If we can show we can behave ourselves then there has to be a decent chance that we shall not be called upon to fence people in.

Therefore, any pitch invasion—even for celebration is "not on"—and I would like to take this opportunity of thanking all supporters for their

tremendous behaviour after the Nottingham match.

I felt that it would be better to give people the chance to show they could act properly if asked to do so, and that was the reason for going onto the tannoy in the last minute of the game. I was certainly not intending to flout anybody's authority—especially the police and referee—and although the latter quite rightly asked me to stop, I do not regret taking the action I did.

Believe me though, I would have very different feelings if there had been a mass invasion!

However, only three people went onto the pitch and that out of a total of twenty-two and a half thousand. You did not let the club down and once again to all of you who helped make the ending to the match such a happy and safe one, may I on behalf of all the club players and officials thank you most warmly.

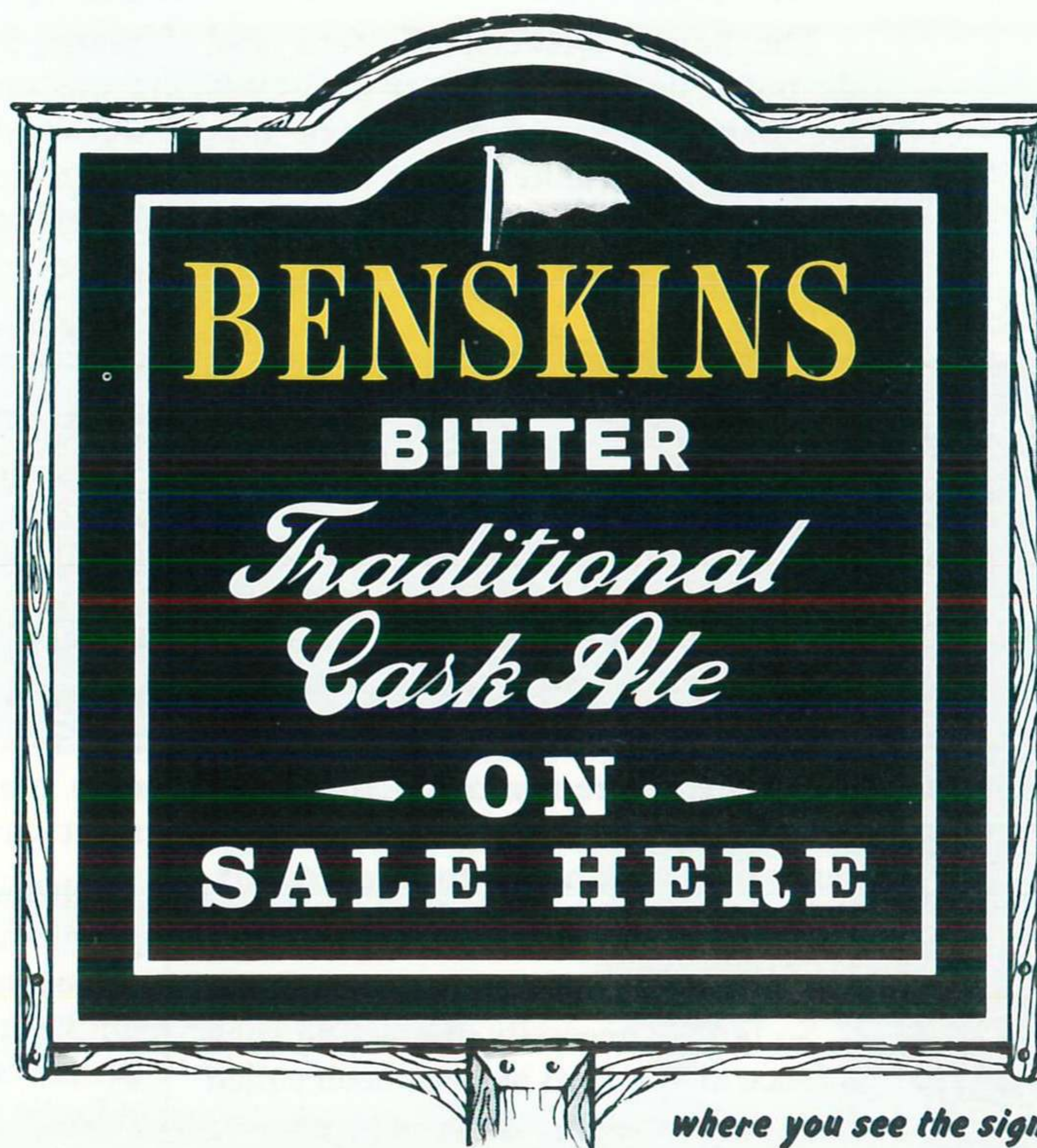
Although we have had little or no problems at Watford, I was aware of unnecessary filthy chanting at the Oldham game, by a small group of people in the Rookery End, when the referee gave one or two decisions against us.

We want all the support we can muster, but at all times we want to stay within the bounds of decency. We want anyone to be able to come to Watford's games knowing that they can visit a clean and tidy ground and have an enjoyable and safe day out.

Those twenty-odd thousand people at the Nottingham game showed that this is possible, and that in itself was as pleasing as the result—and that wasn't a bad one was it!

Graham Taylor

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Every picture tells a story . . . it's celebrations all round as Ross Jenkins congratulates Luther Blissett on his opening penalty and our heroes do a lap of honour . . . and delight as hat-trick star Ross Jenkins disappears down the tunnel with the match ball.

Photographs by Watford Observer



Hornets Nest

Draw result

THE result of the draw for an autographed football for all customers purchasing goods of £5 and over during our first week of sales is ticket number 54—will the person holding this ticket call into the shop with the counterfoil to claim your prize.

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£1,000 winner presentation

THE parachute display before the League match against Oldham was a real success and many supporters have commented on the entertainment provided by the Royal Green Jackets.

After their dramatic arrival at Vicarage Road two of their team presented a cheque to our recent £1,000 Lottery winner, Mr. Michael Connolly, of Abbots Langley.

Mr. Connolly is pictured here with team commander Bob Dowling (left) and parachurist Lionel Hitchcock (centre).

Today's pre-match entertainment is provided by the Bavarian Style Oom Pa Pa Band, and don't forget to arrive early on Tuesday night for the YMCA Gymnastic Display Team.

While on the question of entertainment the Steel Band did it again—playing for us before our victory over Nottingham Forest after putting us in tune for the win against Southampton.

Naturally, we've booked them again on December 2 for the quarter-final.



Man-of-the-match award



ROSS JENKINS, who scored a hat-trick in the 4—1 victory over Nottingham Forest in the League Cup, was voted man-of-the-match by the match sponsors Elton Sales.

He is seen here being presented with a trophy by the company's representative Mr. Elliott Lewis.

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Northwood Hillsiders team will be: Richard Brill, Christopher Butler,

Douglas Hargrove, Adam Hill, Nicholas Preston, Ian Welch.

The result of the last match was a win for Comets.

Front cover picture

THANKS to our two photographers, Malcolm Orvis and Peter Baker for supplying us with colour pictures, which has enabled us to change our front cover each match day.



Born in Selby, Steve Sherwood has had spells with Chelsea, Brighton, Millwall and Brentford.

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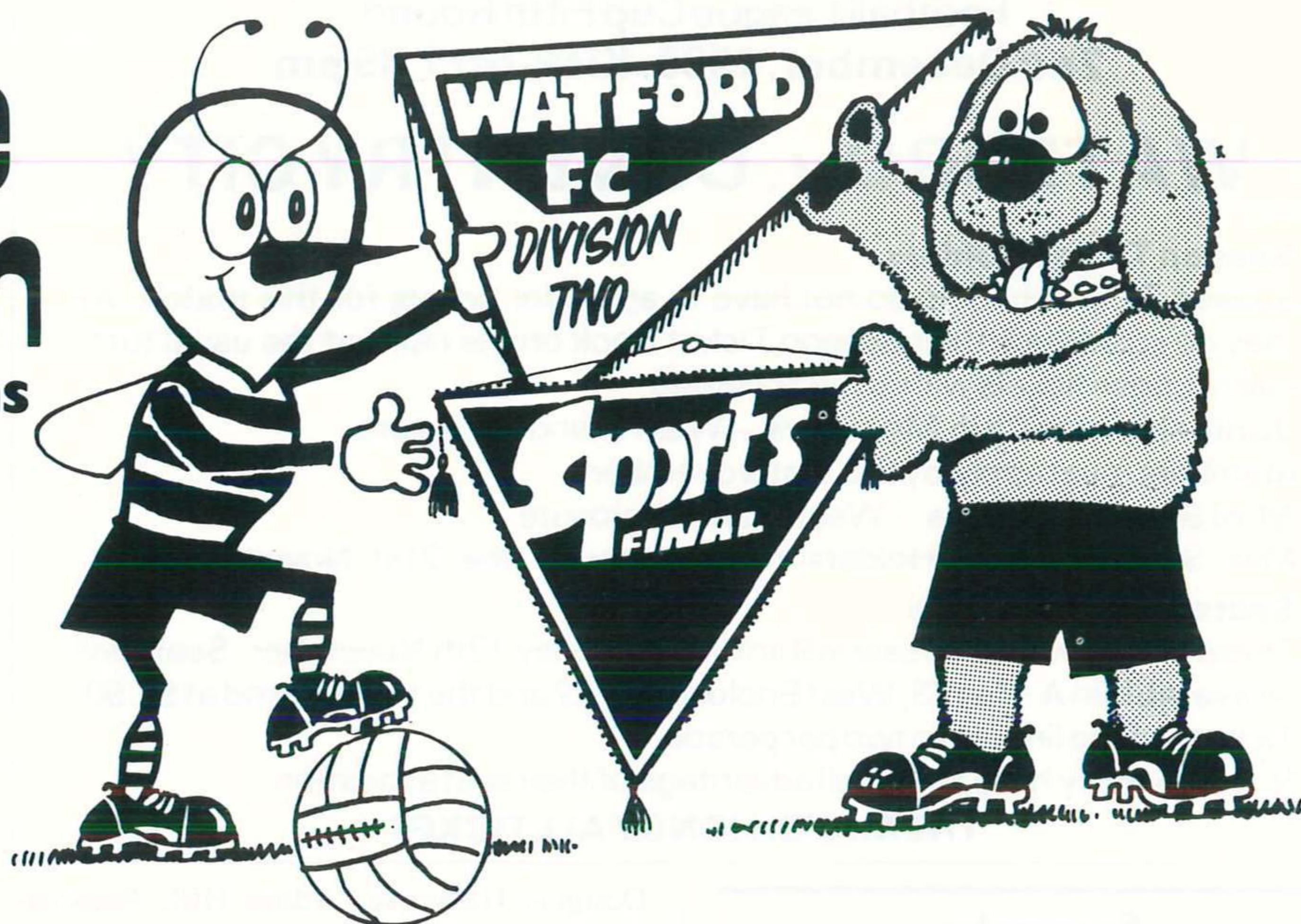
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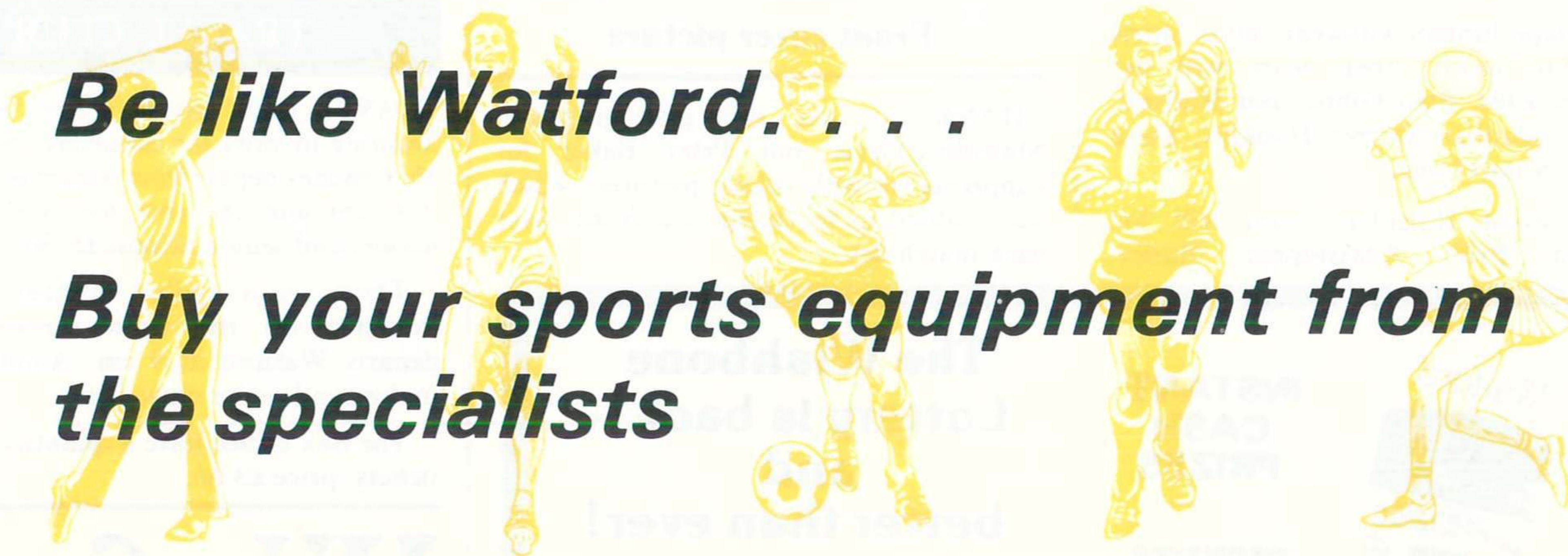
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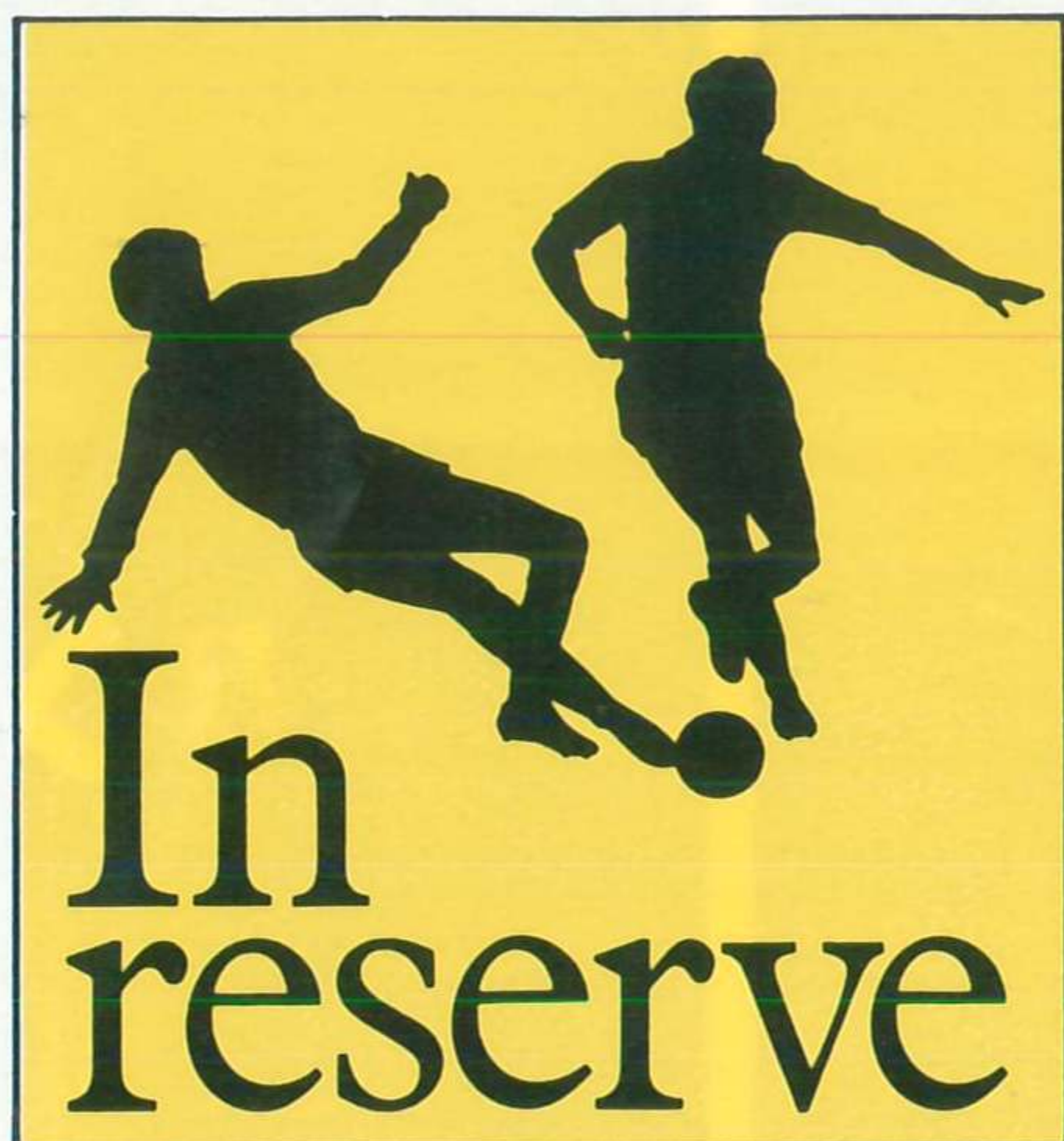
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AN away tie against West Ham United in the semi-final of the South East Counties Cup is our youth team's reward for a marvellous victory over Fulham in the last round.

Our youngsters must have a great chance to reach the final because they've already beaten the "Hammers" in the League this season.

But that was a tough away match with our youth team finally winning by a thrilling 4—3 scoreline and the cup game is likely to be just as hard.

The match against Fulham—the first of two meetings in three days—was a one-sided encounter with our lads coming out on top by five goals to nil.

Prolific goalscorer

Jimmy Gilligan is quickly making a name for himself as a prolific goalscorer this season and he was on the scoresheet again with a superb hat-trick.

Fulham couldn't stop this youngster and they never recovered from his three-goal burst. Our other goals were scored by Terry Prenderville and Nigel Callaghan in this very professional and emphatic performance.



Jimmy Gilligan

The youth team travelled to Craven Cottage for the second encounter—this time in the second round of the Southern Junior Floodlit Cup—and their spirits were high.

In the first round of the competition we had disposed of Brentford by four goals to one so everything seemed set for an exciting match.

But unfortunately Fulham recovered well from their defeat in the South East Counties Cup and were on the right end of a two-nil scoreline.

Fulham, therefore, had regained some revenge for that earlier trouncing and our Southern Junior Floodlit Cup hopes had vanished for another year.

The youth team soon got over their Cup setback and they were back to their winning ways last Saturday with a good 2—1 win over Portsmouth in the South East Counties League.

Jimmy Gilligan was again on the scoresheet while the other goal came from Terry Prenderville.

The victory certainly sets us up for the match against Tottenham Hotspur this morning. Spurs lost their unbeaten record last week so it is obviously going to be an important game.

The youngsters took another step forward on Monday evening, beating a very determined Croydon 1—0 in the 1st Round of the FA Youth Cup. Our winning goal came from Terry Prenderville in the first half and only the woodwork, struck three times during the game, prevented us from a much larger victory.

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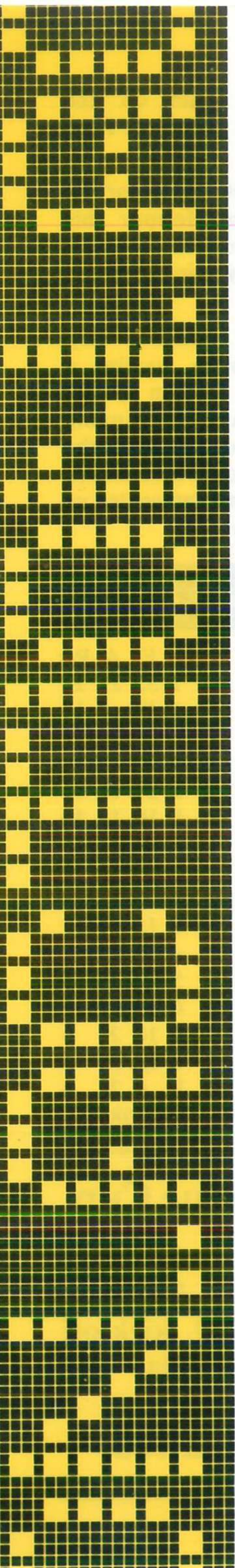
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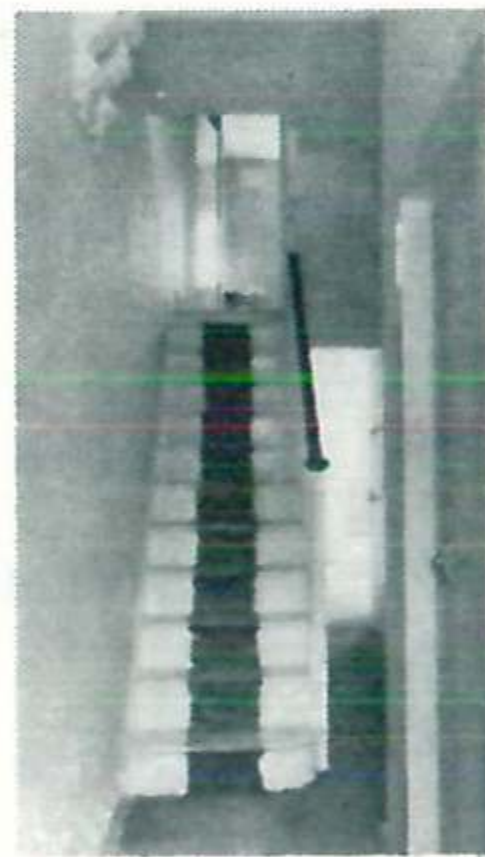
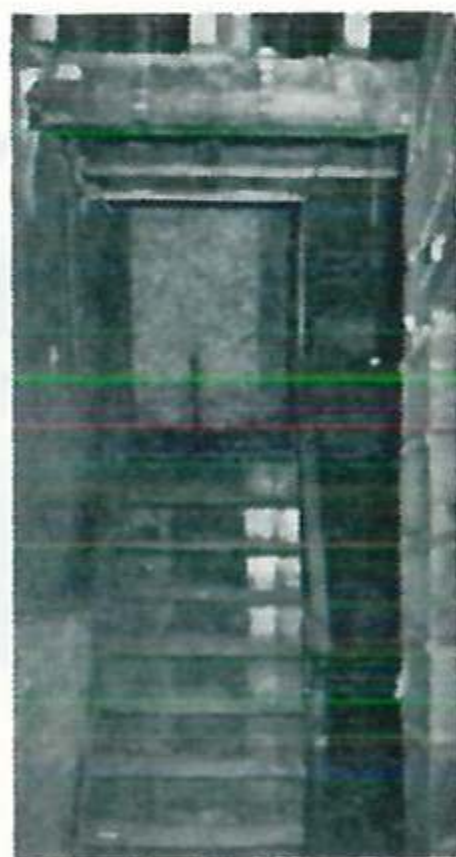
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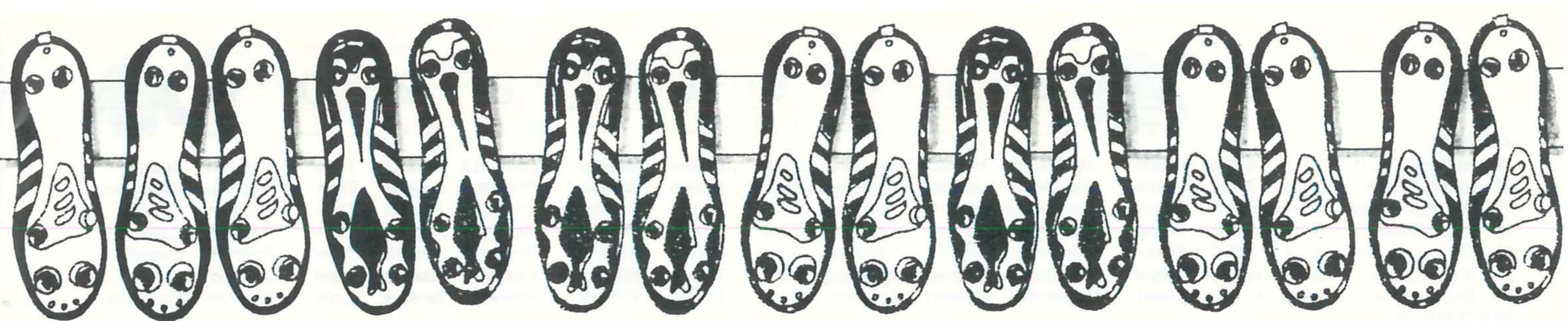


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“... a big factor in my decision to come here in the first place.”

THERE was a touch of humour in John Ward's voice when he said his ambition was to hold onto his last cartilage.

John has made a brave recovery from a third cartilage operation after breaking down in training just before the first match of the season.

The injury would have been the last straw for many players but John courageously fought his way back to fitness, and his consistent performance in the reserves have earned him a first team recall.

“I was bitterly disappointed when I learned I needed another operation,” says John. “I had got back in the side at the end of last season and was looking forward to the new campaign.

“It may seem a funny thing to say but I want to keep that last cartilage of mine... I'll just have to keep my fingers crossed. I'm pleased with the way I recovered from the last operation and my confidence has returned.”

John is a shining example to all players who are fighting against serious injury. He's had four operations in total but has always bounced back against the odds.

“If my recovery from injuries helps others faced with the same predicament then some good has come out of them,” he says.

“I've always believed that it's not as bad as it may seem at the time. All the operations have mellowed me and consequently I seem to get more enjoyment out of the game.”

Apart from football, John's life centres around his family. He's married to Ali and



they have two daughters, Emma, aged five, and one-year-old Lindsay, and son Simon, three.

They helped him tremendously in his moments of adversity and were the spur he needed to return to peak fitness.

“There's never a dull moment with the children,” adds the 29-year-old player.

“They made me realise that I had to play again—for their sake as well as mine.

“It never really crossed my mind that I would have to pack it all in but they helped to speed up my recovery.

“It's all been worthwhile and to be in the side for the Nottingham Forest game was very important to me. That must be the best result of my career but the high spot so far was winning the Fourth Division Championship with Lincoln.

“Obviously, it would be great for Watford to go all the way in the League

Cup but there's still a long way to go even though we're in the quarter-final.

“My immediate aim is to stay in the first team and keep that cartilage, of course.

“I'm grateful the boss has kept faith in me. I have a high regard for him—he was a big factor in my decision to come here in the first place.”



AUGUST

9	Millwall (LC1)	2-1	9,053	Steele	Henderson	Harrison*	Patching	Sims	Bolton	Blissett	Poskett 2	Jenkins	Train	Rostron	Jackett
12	Millwall (LC1)	2-0	5,210	Steele	Henderson	Jackett	Patching	Sims 1	Bolton	Blissett 1	Poskett	Jenkins*	Train	Rostron	Callaghan
16	Swansea City	2-1	12,381	Steele	Henderson	Jackett	Patching	Sims	Bolton	Blissett	Poskett 2	Jenkins	Train	Rostron	Cassells
19	Luton Town	0-1	13,887	Steele	Henderson	Jackett	Patching	Sims	Bolton	Blissett	Poskett	Jenkins	Train	Rostron	Cassells
23	Cambridge Utd	1-3	6,546	Steele	Henderson	Jackett	Patching	Sims	Bolton	Blissett	Poskett 1	Jenkins	Train	Rostron	Cassells
27	S'pton (LC2)	0-4	16,659	Steele	Henderson	Harrison	Patching	Sims	Bolton	Blissett	Poskett	Rostron	Train	Jackett*	Jenkins
30	Bristol City	1-0	10,450	Steele	Henderson	Jackett	Patching 1	Sims	Bolton	Blissett	Poskett	Jenkins	Train	Rostron	Callaghan

SEPTEMBER

3	S'pton (LC2)	7-1	15,992	Steele	Henderson	Jackett	Patching 1	Sims	Bolton 1	Blissett	Poskett 2	Jenkins 1	Train 1*	Rostron	Callaghan 1
6	Shrewsbury T	1-2	5,500	Steele	Henderson	Jackett	Patching	Sims	Bolton	Blissett*	Poskett	Jenkins 1	Train	Rostron	Cassells
13	Preston N.E.	2-1	11,275	Steele	Henderson	Jackett	Patching*	Sims	Bolton 1	Blissett	Poskett	Jenkins 1	Train	Rostron	Callaghan
20	West Ham Utd	2-3	24,288	Steele	Henderson	Jackett 1	Blissett	Sims	Bolton	Callaghan*	Poskett 1	Jenkins	Train	Rostron	Harrison
23	Sheffield W (LC3)	2-1	14,085	Steele	Henderson	Harrison	Blissett	Sims	Jackett	Poskett 1	Cassells	Jenkins 1	Train	Rostron	Pritchett
27	Chelsea	2-3	19,966	Steele	Henderson	Jackett	Blissett	Sims	Bolton 1	Callaghan 1	Poskett	Jenkins	Train	Rostron	Harrison

OCTOBER

4	Cardiff City	0-1	6,407	Steele	Henderson	Harrison	Blissett	Sims	Jackett	Callaghan*	Poskett	Jenkins	Train	Rostron	Pritchett
7	Derby County	1-1	11,703	Steele	Henderson	Harrison	Blissett	Sims	Jackett	Callaghan*	Poskett 1	Jenkins	Train	Rostron	Pritchett
11	Wrexham	1-0	10,749	Steele	Henderson	Harrison	Blissett	Sims 1	Jackett	Callaghan*	Poskett	Jenkins	Train	Rostron	Pritchett
18	Grimsby Town	1-1	8,906	Steele	Henderson	Harrison	Blissett	Sims	Jackett	Pritchett	Poskett	Jenkins	Train 1	Rostron*	Ward
25	Oldham Ath	2-1	10,853	Steele	Henderson	Harrison	Blissett 2	Sims	Jackett	Poskett	Ward	Jenkins	Train	Rostron*	Pritchett
28	Nottm F. (LC4)	4-1	22,742	Steele	Henderson	Harrison	Blissett 1	Sims	Jackett	Poskett	Ward	Jenkins 3	Train	Rostron	Pritchett

NOVEMBER

1	Newcastle Utd	1-2	14,619	Steele	Henderson	Harrison	Blissett	Sims	Jackett	Poskett 1	Ward	Jenkins	Train	Rostron	Pritchett
4	Bristol Rovers	1-3	5,450	Steele	Henderson	Harrison	Blissett	Sims	Jackett 1	Poskett	Cassells	Jenkins	Train	Rostron*	Callaghan

8 Bolton Wand

11 Luton Town

15 Swansea City

22 Blackburn R

29 Sheffield Wed

DECEMBER

2	Coventry (LC5)
6	Notts County
13	Derby County
20	Grimsby Town
26	Orient
27	Queens P.R.

JANUARY 1981

3	FA Cup (3)
10	Blackburn R
14	League Cup SF
17	Bristol City
24	FA Cup (4)
31	Cambridge Utd

FEBRUARY

7	Preston N.E.
11	League Cup SF
14	Shrewsbury (5)
21	Chelsea
28	West Ham Utd

MARCH

7	Cardiff City
14	Wrexham (LC F)
21	Bristol Rovers
28	Oldham Ath

APRIL

4	Newcastle Utd
11	Bolton W (SF)
17	Orient
18	Queens P.R.
25	Notts County

MAY

2	Sheffield Wed
9	FA Cup Final



Malcolm Poskett scores his eleventh goal of the season in the match at Newcastle.

Statistics

Home fixtures in bold type

*denotes substituted player

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DIVISION TWO

		Home						Away						
		P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	
1	Notts Co	15	6	1	0	15	5	4	3	1	8	7	24	
2	West Ham Utd	14	6	0	1	16	5	3	4	0	5	2	22	
3	Chelsea	15	3	3	1	15	5	5	2	1	14	10	21	
4	Swansea City	15	4	2	1	13	7	3	4	1	11	7	20	
5	Blackburn R	15	6	2	0	13	2	2	2	3	7	10	20	
6	Sheffield Wed	15	6	1	0	14	4	1	3	4	7	15	18	
7	Orient	15	5	1	2	14	5	1	3	3	9	13	16	
8	Newcastle Utd	15	4	3	1	9	6	2	1	4	5	17	16	
9	Derby Co	14	3	3	1	13	10	2	2	3	7	11	15	
10	Bolton Wand	15	4	2	2	18	10	1	2	4	7	11	14	
11	Luton Town	15	3	3	2	11	8	2	1	4	7	10	14	
12	Wrexham	15	3	2	3	9	8	2	2	3	5	6	14	
13	Preston N E	15	2	4	1	6	4	1	3	4	5	13	13	
14	Cambridge Utd	15	4	0	3	12	8	2	1	5	6	17	13	
15	Watford	15	5	1	1	11	7	0	1	7	7	16	12	
16	Oldham Ath	15	3	4	1	7	3	0	2	5	4	12	12	
17	Shrewsbury T	15	3	2	2	11	9	0	4	4	3	10	12	
18	Grimsby Town	15	2	5	1	3	2	0	3	4	3	11	12	
19	Queens Park R	15	3	2	2	12	4	0	3	5	6	11	11	
20	Cardiff City	15	4	1	3	11	9	1	0	6	4	11	11	
21	Bristol City	15	2	3	2	7	6	0	2	6	4	14	9	
22	Bristol Rvrs	15	1	5	2	9	9	0	2	5	2	13	9	

League table as 5th November, 1980

MID-WEEK LEAGUE

AUG	20	Wimbledon	1-0
SEPT	10	Gillingham	2-2
	17	Millwall	0-0
	23	Aldershot	3-1
OCT	1	Peterborough Utd	2-2
	15	Portsmouth	3-0
	21	Brentford	0-0
	29	Brentford	4-2
NOV	5	Portsmouth	P
	13	Gillingham	
	17	Cambridge (Cup)	
	26	Northampton	
DEC	2	Northampton	
	10	Cambridge Utd	
	16	Southend Utd	
JAN	7	Southend Utd	
1981	14	Brighton	
FEB	20	Cambridge Utd	
	4	Aldershot	
	10	Wimbledon	
	17	Charlton Athletic	
	24	Brighton	
MAR	4	Peterborough Utd	
	10	Millwall	
	25	Charlton Athletic	

Home match kick-off times
Football League Saturday 3.00 pm
Football League Evening 7.45 pm
Mid-Week League 7.30 pm
SE Counties 11.00 am (Woodside)

S.E. COUNTIES LEAGUE

AUGUST	16	Southend Utd	3-1
	23	Chelsea	2-0
	30	Crystal Palace	0-0
SEPT	13	Orient	1-3
	20	Arsenal (Cup)	3-1
	27	Charlton Athletic	1-1
OCTOBER	11	Queens Park R	7-0
	18	West Ham Utd	4-3
	25	Fulham (Cup)	5-0
NOV	1	Portsmouth	2-1
	8	Tottenham H	
	15	Arsenal	
	22	Fulham	
	29	Gillingham	
DEC	6	Millwall	
	13	Millwall	
	20	Southend Utd	
	27	Chelsea	
JANUARY	3	Crystal Palace	
1981	10	Norwich City	
	17	Orient	
	24	Charlton Athletic	
	31	Ipswich Town	
FEB	7	Queens Park R	
	14	West Ham Utd	
	21	Portsmouth	
MARCH	7	Arsenal	
	14	Fulham	
	21	Gillingham	
APRIL	11	Ipswich Town	
	18	Tottenham H	

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Wilf Rostron cleverly shields the ball from the Chelsea full-back.

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Clubs should have the right to say when they wish to play their home matches.

THE seminar for league club chairmen and directors certainly came up with some interesting ideas, and I still think it is important to discuss one or two of the recommendations.

At this point I must say that these are my personal thoughts and not necessarily the views of the club.

One of the main talking points surrounded Sunday football. I was heavily involved in this during the power-crisis winter and it was extremely successful during a limited period.

I was with Coventry at the time and we staged one match on a Sunday—an FA Cup-tie against Derby County. This match would normally have attracted between 20,000 and 30,000 fans but on this occasion over 40,000 packed into the ground.

It remained the largest attendance at Highfield Road for the season although it was a one-off match.

From my own point of view, clubs should have the right to say when they wish to play their home matches. Personally, I believe 3 pm on a Saturday is the best time.

But there are clubs like Tranmere Rovers who have to play on Friday nights because they would clash with bigger sides the next day. And there are clubs like Southend who have steadily built up a following of fans on a Friday night—it has become their matchday.

Recent surveys carried out in newspapers reveal that the public are against Sunday football and I wouldn't disagree with that.

I don't think you can legislate for teams such as Newcastle in the North-East, Torquay in the South-West and Aston Villa in the Midlands because their needs could be completely different.

The prospect of matches being spread out over three days is bound to cause

problems for the pools promoters. But it is our product and our fixtures and if they want to utilise them then they should accommodate football . . . not vice-versa.

I have felt for many years that the pools companies get our fixtures far too cheaply. We have certainly undersold ourselves—and the same applies to television.

While the game is struggling through lack of finance we should look at these areas very closely.

I realise that we have contracts with the TV companies and they have got to be honoured. But in two years time they come up for revision and the Football League will be under momentous pressure to increase the money they receive. The time has come when we have got to get it right.

I do not believe that we should ban the cameras from our grounds. Television is an ideal advertisement for our game and it keeps us in the public eye.

But there is a saturation point and I think we have reached it. We have to restrict the number of matches every weekend because hardly a game goes by in the First and Second Division without a television camera of some sort or another being there.

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I	Swansea City v. Orient
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N	Liverpool v. Nottingham Forest
O	Leeds United v. Arsenal
P	Norwich City v. Everton
Q	Sunderland v. Stoke City
R	Manchester Utd v. Coventry City
S	Southampton v. Ipswich Town
T	Tottenham v. Wolverhampton
U	West Brom Albion v. Aston Villa

Watford Away

SWANSEA CITY—

Saturday, November 15th, 1980

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Watford at Home

Football League Division Two
Tuesday, 11th November, 1980. Kick-off 7.45 pm

Luton

Mid-Week Football League
Thursday, 13th November, 1980. Kick-off 7.30 pm

Gillingham

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David Letts (Basingstoke). Started in New Forest and Bournemouth Leagues, graduated via Hampshire League and the Football Combination to Football League List. Was linesman at an FA Cup quarter final match in 1977/78, and the Wales v. Northern Ireland Home Championship in 1980. Married, with two children, he is a police sergeant with the Hampshire Constabulary and in his spare time enjoys coaching local players. Is the holder of an FA Coaching Badge (Preliminary).

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